RLC(C), Ahmedabad	:	11		
ALC(C), Ahmedabad			:	165
ALC(C), Baroda			:	89
ALC(C), Adipur (Kutch)			:	72

Employment opportunities

†582.SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of employment opportunities generated by Government during the last four years; and

(b) the details of the plans and schemes launched with a view to provide employment to the unemployed persons during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) As per two most recent quinquennial rounds of surveys of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) on employment and unemployment, employment opportunities on Current Daily Status basis have been estimated at 338.19 million in 1999-2000 (55th round) and 384.91 million in 2004-05 (61st round). Thus, 46.72 million job opportunities were generated during this period.

(b) The 11th Plan document approved by National Development Council has projected that 58 million job opportunities on Current Daily Status are likely to be created during the 11th Plan period. Besides, Government of India is implementing various special employment generation and poverty alleviation programmes in both rural and urban areas to increase employment opportunities. Some of the important ones which have undergone major changes during the current financial year are:-

(i) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (NREGA) was enacted on 7.9.2005. NREGA provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas by providing atleast 100 days of guaranteed employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. NREGA has been extended throughout the country with effect from 1.4.2008. The scheme of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) has also been subsumed in NREGA w.e.f. 1.4.2008.

(ii) Government of India has approved the introduction of a new credit- linked subsidy programme called Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) by merging the two schemes that were in operation till 31.03.2008, namely, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) for generation of employment opportunities through establishment of micro enterprises in rural as well as urban areas.

Casual workers appointed in Central Government Offices and CPSUs

583. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of casual workers appointed in various Central Government offices and in CPSUs from 2004 to 2007 each year separately;

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